Bar Hill News

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Refurbishment/Extension of Village Hall

During the last 2 to 3 years the Parish Council has been co-ordinating meetings between representatives of organisations on the village to explore what each organisation wanted from an improved village hall. This project was top of the list on which residents wanted us to spend some of the money from the sale of the land to Tesco and the Parish Council has allocated up to £750k for it. I am sure that many of you have wondered why the project has not yet started. Organisations involved in meetings, and studying various plans for the proposed improvements have included the Management Committee, the Social Club, the Playgroup, Football Club, Cricket Club, Colts and the Football Project. (The Scouts and Guides would like to replace their existing hut with a larger one, so they have not been involved with the village hall.) As you can see, this has meant quite a number of people, whose organisations all had their own requirements, and the architects have struggled to keep the cost within the £750k limit. Plan No 9 is now awaited - we really hope this will be the final one - and when it has been approved by all parties and has been with the quantity surveyors for them to cost it, the scheme will be put out to tender.

In the course of planning this project the Parish Council has discovered that it actually has no rights or powers in connection with the Village Hall, or in its running. The Village Hall is a charity, and the trustees are the members of the Management Committee. This is an unusual situation: where a village has a village hall it is usually owned by the Parish Council but, when Bar Hill was being planned and built, the original developer built the present Village Hall and set up a trust to be run by a management committee. That Committee is answerable to the Charity Commissioners. Each organisation on the village should appoint a member to be on the Management Committee in order that the views of that organisation can be heard.

I have explained this to you so that you will understand the way in which the Parish Council will proceed with this project. The Parish Council is unable to run the project for reasons given above - this duty lies with the Management Committee. The Parish Council will therefore make an interest-free loan to the Management Committee.

The reason why the Parish Council is making a loan rather than donating the money is because in the Trust Deed there is provision for the Village Hall to be sold (under certain circumstances), and the Parish Council would then ask for the repayment of the loan. The Council has taken legal advice about this, and this procedure is the best way of ensuring that there is always a Village Hall in Bar Hill.

The Parish Council has one more project in hand: this is the replacement of the building at the entrance to the village (the Barbers). The Council plans to build an office with an estimated rental value of £25k per annum. This rental income will go into Council funds to help maintain the various projects carried out over the last few years, not least the Skate Park, which is very popular with our young people but expensive to maintain. In this way all residents of Bar Hill will benefit.

Watch out for notices inviting residents to come and see a model of the proposed improved Village Hall!

Bar Hill Parish Council
January 2004

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Letters to the Editor

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We have all received through the post a glossy newsletter from the Cambridgeshire Council regarding their plans for the guided bus service on the old St Ives railway line.I personally felt that they are rather unfairly using their [our] finances to broadcast their plans without giving the other groups involved an equal opportunity. Below is a copy of an e-mail I have sent to the Council [with no response].

"Dear Sir/Madam, I have just received your newsletter regarding the "Guided Bus" from Huntingdon to Trumpington through our letterbox.Could you please confirm that as tax payers we have paid for this to be printed and delivered to us so I hope that the same opportunities to express their points of view are going to be afforded to the Cast Iron group and any others. I feel this is only fair as the Council should be open enough to allow all people to read and understand all options available and NOT be using our money for their own agenda."

Yours sincerely,

Gary Sell

OH, NO HE WON'T

I thought I was going to miss the Christmas pantomimes this year; but that was before we went through the farce of the RSG settlement. For my money, that beat Aladdin, Cinderella et al into a cocked hat.

As the local authority which has had the greatest cash witheld due to ceilings this year, I am greatly amused by the demonstration of fractured (as distinct from "joined up") government by ODPM and DfES. The former, in the persona of Nicholas Raynsford, is adamant that any council tax rise above low single figure percentages is profligate; he will have no hesitation in "capping" the budgets of offenders.

Meanwhile in the Red Corner, Charles Clarke is adamant that we should "passport" to schools the theoretical increase in their FSS, as if no ceiling had been applied. It appears from here that Mr Clarke is not interested in council tax levels and Mr Raynsford is not interested in schools funding.

We have written to Mr Prescott asking for a 3 sided meeting to attempt to discover what the official central government line is. Three weeks later, we have not even had the courtesy of a holding response from an official.

We are going for a 6% council tax rise with considerable pain involved; it will not allow us to passport that portion of the FSS increase for which the grant has been witheld.

So here is an interesting thought. If Mr Clarke carries out his threat to "direct" our budget (to increase it so that schools get more), that will require a tax increase of around 10%. So, would Mr Raynsford then be able to "cap" that budget?

Mother Goose at its best has nothing on this as far as entertainment value goes.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr John Reynolds
(Cambridgeshire Count Council

Dear all,

Firstly, thanks to Roger for his article in the November issue of the Bar Hill news about my then forthcoming trip to Florence; I was amazed at the interest it generated. The day after the article appeared the guy delivering some materials came in for a look around, having just read it. Thanks to all of you who wished me well, I had no idea so many people know me – I am a bit of a recluse! Secondly, thanks are also due to the Arts Council, who funded my participation in the Bienalle.

The Florence Bienalle was huge, 891 artists from 56 countries; on the 10th day I was still seeing work I hadn't seen before. It was held in the grounds of the Fortezza, an ancient fortress, and trying to get into it took an hour of driving around trying to find the entrance; several interesting contacts with the police, who were tearing their hair out, ensued. Once inside the scene was utter chaos, it takes some doing to organise 891 artists all trying to do their own thing, and, apologies to the Italians among you, but organisation is just not an Italian thing! Hammers and nails were not allowed, but in no time the place was reverberating to the sound of them. There were some tragedies of broken or lost artwork, and very rude messages to a few well known couriers in the places where artwork should have been. I was very glad we packed our 9 pieces, some of which were glass, in our suitcases.

We met artists from all over the world, and despite having no common language in many cases, managed to communicate in artists' speak. Some of the art was amazing, and a lot of international artists were showing. Figurative art in all mediums is making a comeback, and work with strong spiritual content. Sculpture particularly was of an excellent standard. Concerts and talks went on all day, the most notable being David Hockney who kept his cool despite failing sound systems, lighting on the screen and muddled slides. The Director, Dr. John Spike, art historian and critic, gave a lot of his time giving public critiques, which were incredibly constructive and instructive, I felt I learned a great deal from him. He very kindly gave me a private critique, and was very complimentary about my work, giving me his private card and asking me to keep him informed about my future work and exhibitions. This contact alone was well worth going for. A lady in Brazil wants to organise a show there, so I'll keep you posted. There were many other valuable contacts made, which could provide openings in the future.

No British, and very few European artists were awarded medals by the jury of international critics, whose judging was not popular with the artists who are now campaigning for an artists vote. The winner of my class was a net apron, easy to pack anyway! There was so much really excellent work that seemed to be ignored in favour of the quirky which has been a trend in judging for many years.

Still, the experience was fantastic. I learnt a great deal and made lots of friends. Florence is a beautiful city with its narrow medieval streets and open squares, and they had really gone to town with stunning Xmas lighting in all the main streets, some were like moving rivers, others stars; you knew where you were by the lights.

A lot of people have said they would like to see the work I do. I hope I shall be taking part in Open Studios, so look out for the booklet in the library. You can check my website, www.liamelia.com by typing in your internet browser's address bar. Thanks again for your interest.

Lia Melia

There are more letters on page 4

More Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

When is something going to be done about the growing problems caused by underage drinkers in Bar Hill?

Gangs of youths and girls gather on Friday and Saturday evenings under the church porch and the area between the Dentists' and Doctors' surgeries. By ten o'clock they have become noisy and rowdy: this continues until midnight, sometimes later.

Damage is done to the church and anything capable of being trashed, is. All notices on the building site are destroyed, lights broken and mess everywhere. The path is littered with broken glass – a hazard to all, particularly children. Last weekend this took over an hour to clear. Bottles and cans are thrown over the hedge into the gardens of Hanover Close: a binful was collected on Saturday morning and the noise keeps residents awake.

There was a great deal of yelling from the girls and, unfortunately, should one of them be in real trouble no one would venture out to investigate thinking it part of the usual hullabaloo.

Understandably, young people want to meet friends to have fun and perhaps somewhere should be found for them to do so. As it is their senseless behaviour, bad language and wanton damage is simply alienating those who live nearby.

It would surely help if there was a police presence from time to time. as it is they only come out if called. PC Misik used to patrol but now that he has been posted elsewhere no one seems to have replaced him.

This matter is getting worse by the week: Something must be done.

Name & address supplied.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS AGAIN

The next few months are particularly important for the Counties Education Department with an OfSTED Inspection of the County Council's role in supporting schools. OfSTED inspections of LEAs are not new; they began in 1996 and by December 2001 the first inspection of all LEAs was complete.

Cambridgeshire were first inspected in 2000 and the report published in September 2000 concluded that Cambridgeshire is a competent LEA with its strengths significantly outnumbering its weaknesses. The report added that "in common with all LEAs it confronts a challenging development agenda but has the political and professional capacity to meet those challenges".

The aim of these inspections is to review and report on the way LEAs perform their functions and, in particular, to assess the contribution which their services, including support to individual pupils, make to school improvement and to high standards of achievement.

A great deal of work has already been undertaken in preparation for the inspection. The methodology for OfSTED inspections has changed several times since 2000 and our inspection will be one of the first to be conducted under the latest arrangements. A major feature of this is a requirement for authorities to produce a self-evaluation using a framework and criteria produced by OfSTED.

The County's Education Department put together a self-evaluation paper submitted at the end of October. OfSTED are currently scrutinising this and they will feed back their findings to us; at that stage we will learn more about the focus of their inspection. We do know, however, that in addition to the overall inspection they will also look at two other specific areas - our approach to behaviour and attendance and also provision for traveller education.

We have much to be proud of in Cambridgeshire although we are not complacent and recognise there is always room for improvement. As an organisation, we are committed to continuous improvement and recognise that external objective assessment can contribute to this.

Our challenge over the coming months will be to demonstrate to inspectors that the LEA provides valuable support to schools, that our services are both efficient and effective, and that we make a considerable contribution to raising the educational attainment of all children.

OUR SELF EVALUATION

Cambridgeshire County Council is an ambitious and very effective Local Education Authority.

We have responded positively and successfully to national initiatives. We have sought to meet the needs and aspirations of local schools and communities, parents and children. We have implemented the recommendations of the OfSTED inspection conducted in 2000 and are making good progress on implementing the improvement plan adopted following the CPA conducted in 2002.

We have set challenging targets for our own services and for the schools which we support. We have underpinned these with robust plans and activities. This is reflected in the sustained improvements in pupil attainment, improvements in schools' satisfaction with our support services, and the growing national recognition of our achievements and expertise.

Whilst the Authority's resource position improved in comparison with some other authorities last year, funding continues to be very tight. Spending per pupil is the lowest of our statistical neighbours, although we spend above the EFSS. Our achievements in this context reflect determined and effective leadership in schools and in the County Council and represent very good value for money.

We have a strong capacity and the commitment to improve further. Our track-record, stable and effective political and professional leadership, our clear-sighted assessment of areas of relative weakness, and readiness for new challenges combine to provide a confident basis for further development.

I am always available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

John Reynolds, 4 Hollytrees, 200571
john.reynolds@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

On the evening of Thursday 4th December someone decided to key our car. We have since discovered that at least 7 other cars were also done in the same way. The damage therefore has totalled over £ 3,000. If anyone is aware of who has caused this then please contact the police.

Would you believe it? We were victims twice. On the evening of Thursday 13th January, again our car was keyed. Why? Why did you do it? What is the point? Why have you singled us out? If you think we are paying out another £300 for you to do this to us two days later what is the point? We can not afford it. Why devalue our car by doing this?

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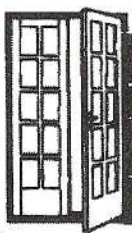

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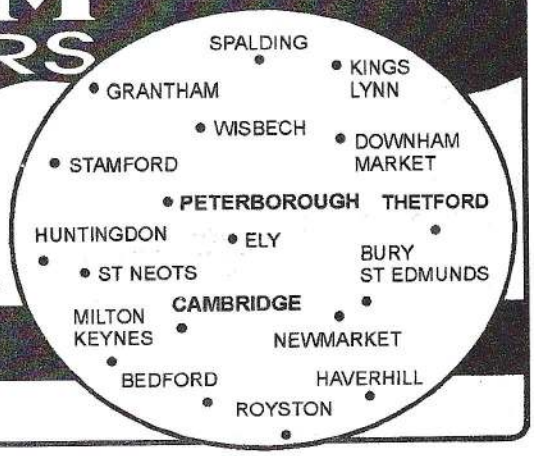

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Invitation to an Open Meeting on Anti-Social Behaviour

Like many of you, I am very concerned about the increased incidence of anti-social behaviour occurring in our community, especially though not exclusively at the weekends. The behaviour of a small minority of youths and young adults, both from within and outside Bar Hill, is becoming a real issue. Around the Church premises, for instance, we are experiencing an increase in young people congregating in gangs, whose behaviour is threatening, abusive and occasionally criminal. Some of you, as you pass by the Church and the Health Centre in the mornings and at weekends, have seen the disturbing result of their actions.

I have become concerned in particular for the safety of residents in Hanover and the children who attend the Point. They should not be exposed to the mindless behaviour of some of these young people. For this reason, and with deep regret, I have taken what action I can to protect those directly in my care. I have permitted the leaders of the Point temporarily to suspend the Point until further notice, so that your children are protected until we find a solution. I am desperately sad at having to do this. The young people who enjoy the Point should not have to be disadvantaged in this way because of such unacceptable behaviour.

The issues raised by anti-social behaviour are various. The issues affect us all in different ways. All of us can and should be playing a part in finding a solution.

To this end the Church will be playing host to an Open Meeting on how together we might address such anti-social behaviour. It will be on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm. To this meeting various community agencies have been invited and will be represented. We want to issue an open invitation to any others who wish to come, including you.

My hope is that we will take responsibility and address this issue as a whole community. This is not a problem for the Church, or the Point, or for any other single group or agency. It is a problem that faces us all. I am convinced that only concerted action by us all will find a lasting and appropriate solution.

Do join us to find out what you can do to make this wonderful community a safer place to live.

For more information please contact Claire Thorby in the Church Office on 206120.

Rev Gary Renison

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Wheely Bins

Since this new scheme was introduced it has been noted that some residents are still putting out black bags alongside their wheely bins in the hope of them being collected. They will not. If your rubbish cannot be put in to the wheely bin then the refuse department will not collect. If you have more rubbish that your bin will take, you will either have to purchase a second bin or dispose of the rubbish at our local landfill site at Milton. PLEASE do not dump your rubbish around the village. If the Parish Council obtains evidence of a resident doing this they will be prosecuted by the Environment Agency. The fine is £1000.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Parish Council has endorsed the actions of the Church who have organised an Open Meeting for Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm. If you have children and want to make a difference to the anti-social behaviour currently running through the village, please put this date in your diary and attend.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th February 2004 at 7.00pm in the new Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend the meeting.

Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk

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Packaging the Past

Over the past year, several residents of Bar Hill have found a new and interesting way of passing three hours once or twice a week. Under the guidance of the County Archives Conservator—that's myself—they have been cleaning, listing, and wrapping a variety of historical documents from two large collections in the Cambridgeshire Archives Service.

Our task is immense. Within the next two years, the Archives Service is hoping to move from its present, rather cramped, quarters in Shire Hall to a proposed new Heritage Resource and Cultural Centre in the north of Cambridge. Forty years' worth of accumulated documents and books will have to be moved, and, for their protection and ease of handling—not to mention their long-term preservation—they should all be boxed. The two collections we are dealing with are the largest un-boxed collections in Shire Hall, and we must get as many of them as possible safely packed away before the move. Both have suffered from neglect for many years before coming to us; the documents are often dirty and crumpled, and some are badly damaged by mould (these last are not cleaned at Bar Hill, but are taken back to Shire Hall and cleaned in our fume hood, so that we don't breathe in the spores, which can cause allergies.) They also need listing: once we know what kind of documents are in each collection, we can then make them available to researchers, but until then, they are a hidden resource, an untapped well of information.

Although two of our volunteers have had to drop out, the remaining four find this project rewarding. They have met new people, done useful work for the Service, and developed an interest in the material they are working on which keeps them coming back week after week. One has become fascinated by the draining of the Fens, and is now reading up on the subject in his spare time. A second finds the work a relief from the trials of home alterations, while the third has found the solicitors' papers interesting, and a stepping-stone to a part-time job. The fourth enjoys it as a pleasant and public-spirited indoor alternative to working on his allotment. Together, we have so far reduced nine or ten shelves of grimy, roughly-piled papers, parchments, and pamphlets to twelve or so shelves stacked with neat buff boxes, properly labelled and sorted. We can all survey them with pleasure in our achievement.

But there is a lot more to do. We may be within sight of the end of the Archer and Archer collection, but the Bedford Levels records are a long way from being finished; and although we have four stalwart volunteers, not all of them can make it to every session, and one has had her time severely curtailed by her new job. In order to give our best to the project, we need a few more members in our team.

Would you be interested in helping us? If you can offer us manual dexterity and a careful approach to the work, we can offer good company, biscuits with our tea, a genuinely worthwhile task, and the fascination of handling history, in an immediate and evocative form. We would ask for a health check, of course, to ensure that cleaning and packaging archives wouldn't cause you health problems, but that merely involves filling in a form; and, as honorary employees of the Service, we would ask for two telephone references to make sure that you are well suited to the work. The hours are good: we meet almost every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00, and on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If this would interest you, do please contact me at Shire Hall. We can then arrange for you to come along to one of our sessions at the Care in Education building, on the corner of Trafalgar Way in Bar Hill Industrial Estate. We look forward to meeting you, and having your company in our long-term project.

Mrs. Deborah Rohan, Conservator
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Many people are concerned about the antisocial behaviour in the village at the moment. A meeting has been arranged by the Church and endorsed by the Parish Council, to be held at 7-30pm, in Bar Hill Church, on Wednesday 11th February next. There are more comprehensive details of this elsewhere in this issue of the Bar Hill News. If you are concerned about this problem please do try to come along to this meeting.

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Village Co-ordinator
205453

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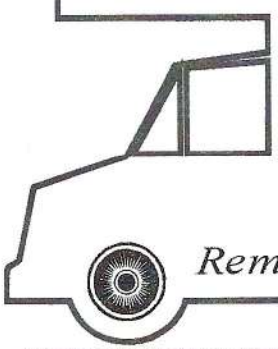

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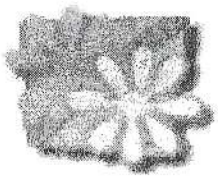

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Diary dates

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Feb 27th Disco at Scout Hut
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News from the Farmhouse

Just before Christmas, Ciairan Dunn and Matt Lister found a handbag outside Tesco containing a considerable amount of money and handed it in to Tesco.

An appeal then appeared in the Cambridge Evening News by the old lady whose handbag it was, asking if anyone knew who these two youths were as she and her husband wanted to say thank you. My colleague, Jayne Aldhouse, saw the article and rang the CEN to say she knew who the boys were. As a result, the Cambridge Evening News came to the Farmhouse recently with Poppy and Ken Price (the couple concerned) and an article appeared in the paper on 10th January. Mr and Mrs Price also presented Matt and Ciairan with a reward, which was a big surprise and much appreciated and they also made a donation to the youth club.

We are very proud that Matt and Ciairan were honest enough to hand in Mrs Price's handbag. It must have been very tempting to have kept the money, but they didn't. However, this is exactly what we would expect of the young people who attend the Farmhouse.

Perhaps those of you who have kids between the ages of 12 and 18 who complain that they are bored might like to suggest they come to the Farmhouse. As well as being in a safe environment, they also get to learn a great deal and have fun too.

If anyone wants to know more about The Farmhouse they can contact me on 204408.

Jeanette Hurworth

How to contact us.
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Bar Hill School

Forthcoming Events

6th March - Pop Quiz
April - Casino Event
June - Salsa Evening
19th June - Family Fun Day
9th October - General Knowledge Quiz
For more information nearer the time please look out for the posters around the village or contact the school.

Bar Hill Babysitting Circle

Fancy the odd evening out?
Find it difficult to get a babysitter?

We are a group of mums, run for mums, operating a ticket payment system to swap evenings out.

If you have time to offer to sit back for another parent, then this number is for you!

Ring Avril on **782431** for details

DO YOU NEED A CHILDMINDER ?

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Bar Hill THE PLAY STATION Out of School Club

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Our aim is to provide childcare for working parents as well as fun sessions for those who just want something different to do. Parents who are eligible for Working Families Tax Credit may also be able to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs.

We are governed by OFSTED and work with the support of the Care and Education partnership and are members of Kids Club Network, as well as the Cambridgeshire Network of out of School Clubs. Three members of staff have NVQ's in Playwork, all are first aid trained and we are continually updating our training.

We have computers, various games machines, dancemats, Pool Table, TV & Video, construction toys, games, puzzles, numerous outdoor toys, many craft activities and much, much more. We are also lucky enough to be able to use the school facilities for outside play, as well as our large collection of outdoor toys and we also take the children on outings e.g. Sea Life Centre.

We hope you all had a great Christmas. Lets hope 2004 is a great year.

We are pleased to be able to start the new year off with some great news - we had our OFSTED inspection at the end of November and we got the top grade - Good - Well done everyone.

Booking forms are now available for half term, our theme is Space, as requested by the children. We are going to visit the Space Centre at Leicester, on Wednesday 18th February, any adults or children wishing to join us, please call Patsie for further details on either of the above numbers.

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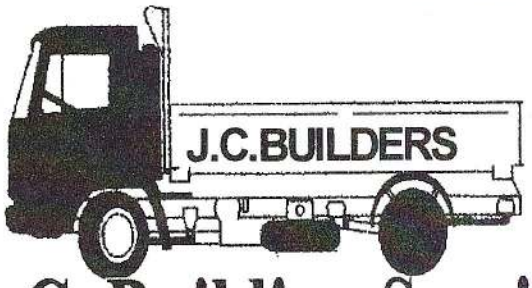

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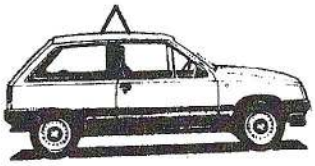

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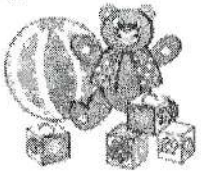

'Tots and Teds' is a friendly group of parents and carers who meet in the Octagon at the Church Centre (near Tesco). All sessions are 'Pay and Play' and are £1.80 per child (£1.00 for siblings). This price includes free refreshments for children and adults. We have a wide range of activities and toys including painting, gluing, play dough, messy play, sand, prams, bikes, books, activity toys, puzzles and much more. We also have a safe enclosed garden to play in with lots of large outdoor toys. Sessions are held on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9.45 -11.15 and are open to all pre-school children. Kirsten runs our Wednesday session and Friday is run by Jo. Why not come along and play one morning?

Diary Dates

A.G.M - this is being held at The Fox on Tuesday 23rd March. Please phone Sarah on 200469 if you are interested in joining the committee or would like more information about Toddlers.

Messy Play Days - these will be held once every half-term on the 2nd Wednesday back after the holidays. The next one will be on Wednesday 3rd March.

Sarah Kemmett

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We therefore offer the opportunity for parents to help at sessions.

Play tots

This pay as you play session is held on a Tuesday morning with Sonya and provides an excellent introduction to Pre-School for little ones 0 - 3 years.

Session Times

Mon	9.00	- 11.30	
Tues	9.15	- 10.45	Play tots
	12.15	- 2.45	
Wed	9.00	- 11.30	
Thurs	9.00	- 11.30	
Fri	9.00	- 11.30	Rising S's

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NEW Toddler Pre-School sessions

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Places

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These sessions are provided by Community Education as part of Family Learning.

Under Ones

Please note change of day from January. Under Ones meet in the Church Octagon on **Tuesday** mornings 10-12 during school term-times. All are welcome with babies under a year old: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, childminders. Expectant mums are welcome too.

We charge 50p donation for tea, coffee and biscuits. We have baby-changing facilities, books to read and toys to play with. A relaxed atmosphere to chat and get to know others in the village, while the babies play.

Alwyn Keeves 781050

IS ANYONE THERE?

A Bar Hill Church Youth Event

Saturday, 27th March 2004, 2.30 – 5.00 pm. Open to **everyone** in years 7 and 8 welcome. Join the team for an afternoon of some of the following activities - sport, cooking, drama, music, dance – take your pick! Book in advance, £2. Entry letters available from Julie Gawthrope or Claire Thorby, Church Office (206120).

Happy Hours

The recycled youth club

As I start my third year of writing this column, may I begin with wishing all our readers a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year, and may all your troubles be few.

Last year. We ended last year on a very happy note. On Monday, 17th November, we celebrated the 14th. Birthday of Happy Hours, with a fine party and an excellent lunch. Then on Monday, 15th December the Club Christmas Lunch was held at the Moat House Hotel, where 66 of our members enjoyed an excellent meal. This was followed by a free raffle with some 35 prizes, and some good music, entertainment and even some dancing. Many thanks to Sid and Ruby Hunt for organising the party and to the Hotel management and staff for making it a great day. On the following day, Tuesday 16th. many of our members joined with other Senior Citizens of the village, at the Bar Hill Church Carol Service. This was a most enjoyable service, followed by tea and mince-pies.

Christmas Cards. This year it was agreed that instead of sending each other cards, we would make a small donation to a charity. This proved a good idea, and such donations raised a total of £94, which has been sent to the Parkinson's Disease Society. However, it seems that most members still sent just as many cards.

Raffle. Our first raffle of the New Year will be held on Monday 2nd February, when the proceeds will be donated to the Bar Hill Scouts.

Outings. Our monthly outings for 2004 have not yet been finalised, but I can say that the first one will take place on Wednesday 10th March. Further details will follow in due course.

Holidays. Our first holiday this year is for six days to Scarborough & Yorkshire, starting on Sunday 2nd. May. Booking is now taking place, and a deposit of £30-00 per person is required by the end of January.

New Member. We welcome Terry Marshall to Happy Hours. Terry, a good darts player, is well known to most of us, as his wife Pat has been a member for the past three years.

Sickness. I am sorry to report that our good friend, Lily Neal, is again in hospital, and has been since before Christmas, having undergone several operations. Get well soon Lily, we miss your weekly contributions to the Club, and also to 'Down Memory Way' in the Cambridge Town Crier. We all send our love.

Dennis Holt, 780948

Cam Sight

Bar Hill VIPs held their Christmas party at the church on Wednesday 17th December and a good time was had by all. On the agenda was 2004's programme which includes two afternoon trips. The group is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2 and 4pm at the Church. Do you have eye problems? Would you like to join us a member or volunteer? Please call Joan on 01954 200622 or Julie on 01223 420033.

Thank you for all your support in 2003 and on behalf of everyone from Bar Hill VIPs a very "Happy New Year".

(VIP is an abbreviation for a Visually Impaired Person, Editor)

Bar Hill Conservatives

Friday 12th March - A.G.M. Followed by a Finger Buffet and "How well do you think you know Cambridge." 7.30 sharp. Tickets £7.50. For non-members the evening starts at 8.15.

National Women's Register

We meet once a fortnight on a Monday or Thursday evening at 8pm. We are a lively group of women of varied ages and a cross section of occupations. Newcomers are always welcome, so why not come along and join us?

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th February:
Indian Evening. Members only.
at Bobbie's.

Monday 16th February:
Carribean Evening
At Jackie's

Thursday 4th March:
One word topic - the word is to be given on the evening!
At Di's

For more information please don't hesitate to contact Jill Smith on **205453** or Jennifer O'Dell **201269**

Jill Smith

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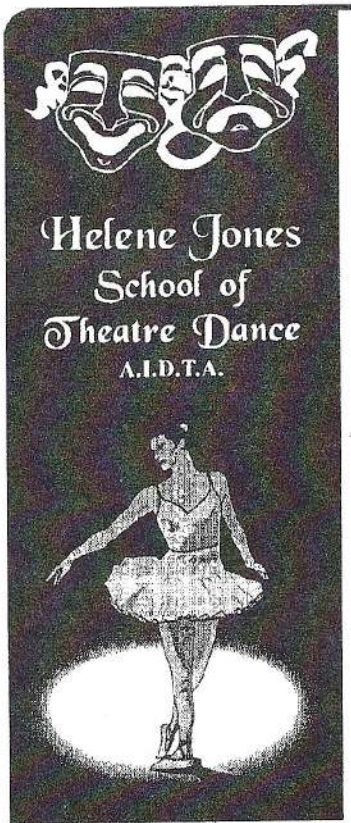

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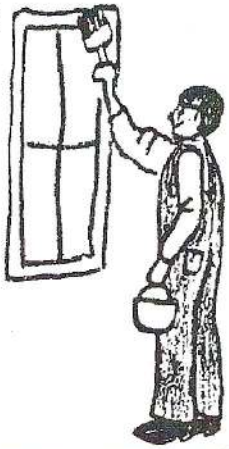

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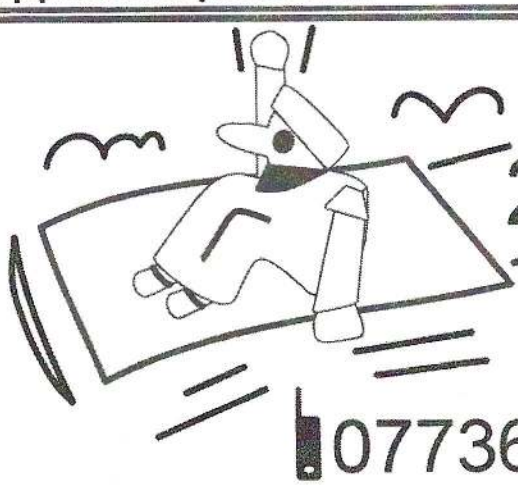

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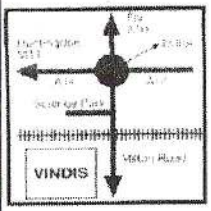

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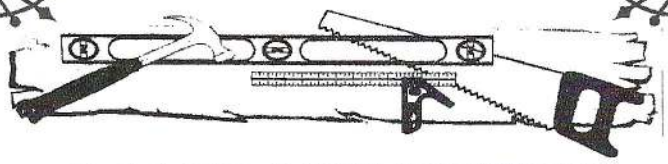

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If you are interest or would like to know more. Please phone Wendy Arrowsmith on (01954) 781381

Our district went to the Pantomime in December and all had a wonderful time.

We also had a Scout and Guide Carol Service. I am sure we are all looking forward to 2004.

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2nd Bar Hill Brownies

Just before the end of term we invited parents of the girls and friend and other relations to come and join in a Santa Drive. The girls were also presented with badges that they had worked for during that term. Some being the communicators, cooks and pack holiday badges. Both Brownie packs have been presented their badges for the Cambridgeshire Lord Lieutenant's Award.

In January, 2nd Bar Hill Brownies celebrated our 30th Birthday where we invited old members of the unit back. They were also able to help the girls with the Brownies traditions and World Guiding Badge.

Help needed. At present we have two Rainbow units two Brownie Units and one Guide and Senior Section. We are in need of adult help. If you would like to just be a unit helper without too much commitment we would like to hear from you.

Having fun and meeting new friends are an important part of growing up, and there's no better place to begin than Rainbows. Girls get involved in all kinds of activities – from singing, games, and dancing, as well as the chance to get busy with a mixing bowl! Which starts at five.

At seven or after that's when Brownies begin.

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At ten, then it's time to Go For it in Guides.

It doesn't matter where you're from or what kind of interests you have there's room for everyone.

Guides get up to everything and more! From organising fashion shows and football matches to doing our bit for the environment. It's all there for the taking. There are special events like sleepovers and camping trips, as well as your chance to get stuck into Go For Its. So, even if you think you know what Guides is all about – we're sure you'll be surprised!

Leaders. Here's a great opportunity, a chance to make a valuable contribution to the lives of girls and young women. Becoming a leader doesn't require lots of qualifications. In fact, we'll provide all the training you need. Ultimately, it's a great chance to bring out the best in everyone, and that includes you!

All our leaders are trained volunteers who are dedicated to making sure everyone is safe and having a great time. Parents can help out in lots of ways too, and contribute to the same goal – a fantastic start in guiding for young girls everywhere.

Who to contact in Bar Hill:

Rainbow Guides
Mondays - Jill Gunton (01487) 843970
Wednesday – Claire Lloyd 200591

Brownie Guides
Tuesday – Pippa Hall (01223) 292184
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Table Tennis Club

Happy, if some-what belated, New Year from us all at the Table Tennis Club. I thought that we'd start with the photos of the Junior tournament trophy winners.

Stevie Withers (Winner) Steive Ostler (Runner Up)

The adult competitions were completed just before Christmas with **Adam Dean** and **Martin Smith** taking the Doubles awards, and **Adam Dean** making it a "double" with the Singles Tournament. (Photos, hopefully, next issue.) The handicap tournaments start later this term, so look out for some new names on the trophies. The Junior group continues to run from 7:00 till 8:00pm, and then the intermediates, and adults, take over from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. We are a friendly club, just playing for fun, and I have to say we have been very, very successful, and now have waiting lists for all our age groups, so if you would like to play, or would like more information, please feel free to contact any of us. More batting things around in the next issue of the BHN.

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CONTACT NAMES
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Football Project

The village 5-a-side football league is in its seventh phase. There is a spare place for a team in the league at the moment. If you are interested in entering a team contact Paul Thorby on 781527.

Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is opened by Mandy Clare for a free kick around for children in school years 3 to 6. The pitch is opened on Thursday's by Karen Curry for children in reception to year 2.

The facility is available for hire by clubs, organisations or private hire for matches or football birthday parties etc. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility, then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

If you have any spare time and can join a rota to help supervise regular pay and play football sessions on the pitch at weekends for juniors please give me a ring on 781527.

The officers of the management committee are:

Chairperson	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair	Alan Hewings
Secretary	Paul Thorby
Treasurer	Jairo Marin

Paul Thorby, Secretary
Tel: 781527

Netball

Wednesdays 8pm-9/9.30 at Girton rec. Beginners welcome. Very friendly club. Contact Ana on 01223 276509 for further info.

Cricket Club

The countdown to the 2004 season has started, with winter nets beginning on February 1 at the Perse School. These take place at 9.30am every Sunday until Easter. This year, as well as running two open practice nets, we will also have a coaching net with a bowling machine to help us iron out those little flaws in our games. The cost of each one-hour session is £2 for adults and £1 for juniors.

So, there should be no excuses for feeling rusty when the season gets under way at the end of April. Once again, we will be running a Saturday team in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association junior league and junior cup, although at the time of writing, it is not certain which division we will be playing in as the CCA is reorganising its structure. We will also run a Sunday friendly team, plus two junior teams playing in the Cambridgeshire Youth Cricket Association set-up. Depending on numbers, these should be at under-14 and under-15.

It is also time for existing and new members to fill in their application forms for 2004. This is essential to help the club meet its league registration requirements and in order for players to be covered by our insurance policy. Members should receive their forms soon, if they have not had them already. If you think you have not received a form, or if you are a prospective new member, please call club secretary Paul Stimpson on 782475 or visit the club website at www.barhillcricket.org.uk and someone will get back to you. *Paul Stimpson*

Tennis Club

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and we are all hoping for a long hot summer! Before the new season begins we invite all existing, but particularly potential new, members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Wednesday 17th March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We normally expect to start our season late April/early May depending on the weather and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights.

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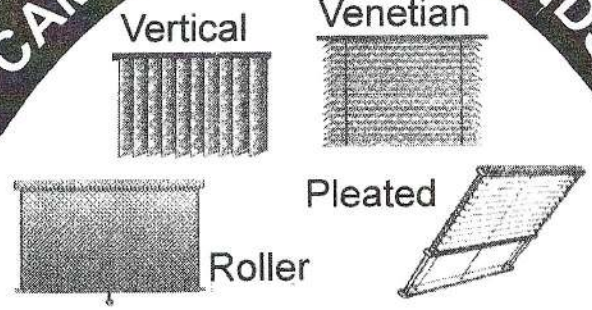

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AGE	MANAGER	TEL:
U7	DARRYN COOK	203576
U8	RICK DORLING	200408
U9	KEVIN SALAMAN	201688
U10	PAUL THORBY	781527
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	RUTH PIMENTEL	782253

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I would like to say 'thank you' to everyone who has phoned me, written to me or stopped me arond the village to tell me what they've seen and to talk about nature. A happy new year to everyone and please keep letting me know if you see anything interesting, no matter how big or small.

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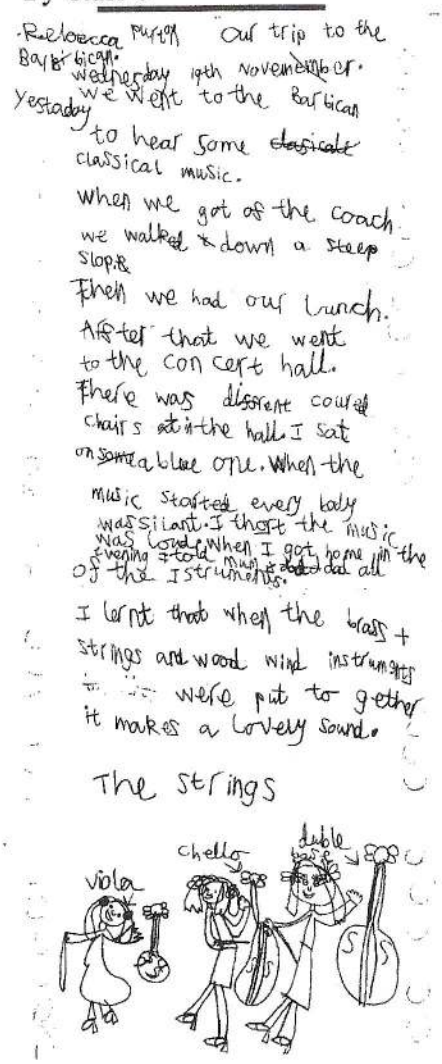
From the School

The Gigantic Star

On 9th December 2003 the Infants from Bar Hill school went to Bar Hill Church to perform their Christmas play called the Gigantic Star. Lots and lots of grown ups and children came. They took photos and videos. At the end the audience clapped very loudly because the singing was beautiful. The readers also read very clearly into the microphone and the actors were brilliant because they knew what to do.

Finally everyone went home happy. Some people had fish and chips and others went home and watched the video of the play.

By Class 6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Bar Hill Branch

On behalf on all the members of our Branch may I wish you all a Very Happy New Year, and hope you are ready for 2004.

We ended our year with a fish and chip supper at Ann & Mike Duce's during December.

There is very little to report at present so this month's report will be very brief. We will have had our Xmas/New Year Dinner at the Octagon on the 10th January 04.

The Poppy Appeal last year raised a figure in the region of £4300 but the final amount will not be known until the appeal closes in May 2004. We will report when it is finalised with receipts from H.Q. Whilst being disappointed by not reaching our £5000 mark we do appreciate that there is only so much money around and every penny is accounted for somewhere along the line. Needless to say, we of Bar Hill Branch do thank you all so much for your generosity and help through out the appeal period.

May I give personal thanks to all Legion members and friends who gave their time to help with our collections whilst standing outside Tesco's, and also to all the companies who allowed us to put our collection boxes and tubs on their premises.

Just a gentle reminder to members that all subscriptions are overdue. It would be appreciated if those members who have not submitted theirs please see the treasurer, otherwise their membership ceases with the Legion and Branch. Many thanks for your co-operation.

The next branch meeting will be held in the village hall on February 26th 19:30hrs. Please note that until further notice all branch meetings will be at the village hall. *Terry Barnes, 780221*

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 O'Clock Club is a very informal group of women of all ages. We meet in the lounge at the school on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm. Our meetings vary from speakers, outings, mystery tours and demonstrations.

The meeting on **5th February** will be a speaker from Scope talking about the work of Meldreth Manor School and speaker on the **4th March** will be from S.O.F.A., the used furniture charity.

If you would like to join, please come along to one of our meetings or phone me on **204171**. *Barbara Page*

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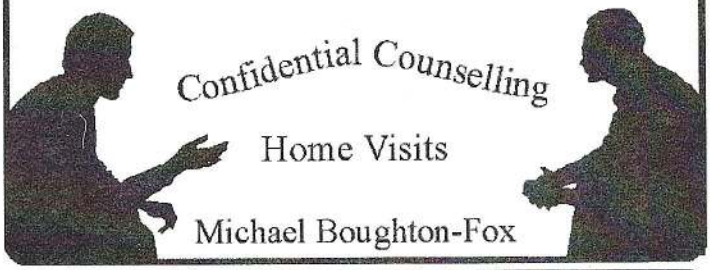

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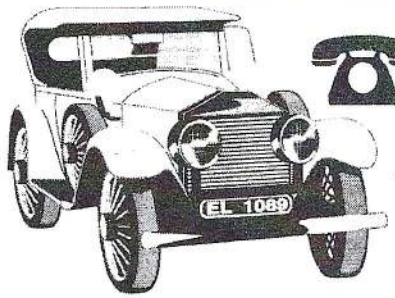

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Church Services

Sun 8th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer (said)	Preacher: Mr Andy Emerton Leader: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Sun 15th	10.00am Worship Service & Holy Communion 6.30pm Informal Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison Leaders: Heather Smethurst, Melanie Stamp, Andy Emerton
Sun 22nd	10.00am Family Service	Leaders: Mrs Julie Gawthrope and others
	6.30pm Quiet Communion	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
Ash Wednesday Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion 8.00pm Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Sun 29th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Worship 6.30pm Evening Worship (FEBA service)	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer

Children's Activities

Power Pals - Friday 6th February
From 3.30pm until 5.00pm for children in Reception and years 1 and 2. A fun session to learn about Jesus through songs, stories, games and crafts. Cost £1.00. Application forms from Mel Stamp on 203554.

Pick 'n' mix it- Saturday 28th February From 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church and Octagon. A workshop type event for children in years 3 to 6 where they can choose from activities such as music, drama and sport. The afternoon will be based on a Bible theme/story and will finish with a time of worship. Cost £2.00. Application forms from Claire Thorby on 781527.

Dates for March:
Friday 26th March - Power Pals
Tuesday 30th March - Adrenaline

Women's World Day of Prayer

"In Faith – Women Shape the Future"
Friday 5th March 2004

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is *"In Faith – Women Shape the Future"* and has been prepared by the women of Panama.

It will take place on Friday 5th March and our service in the Worship Hall will commence at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Mrs Marilyn Webb, student pastor of Landbeach Baptist Church.

Men, women and young people are invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

'Send A Cow' Christmas giving

A big 'thank you' to all who contributed to the 'Send A Cow' charity over the Christmas season. A total of £1,245 was raised. Our gifts of:-

- One cow;
- Three pairs of goats;
- One pig; and
- 130 fruit trees

will help bring new hope and opportunities to families in Africa to help them work their way out of poverty for good and bring lasting changes to their lives.

As a token of appreciation the church has received a large photograph of a family who have received support from 'Send A Cow' two years ago, along with a certificate – on display in the church foyer.

People to contact:
The Minister: Rev Gary Renison **781629**
Church Administrator: Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary: Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest: Mgr. Tony Rogers **01223 350787**
Deacons: Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton
Local contact: Bunty Waters **201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre
8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Holydays of Obligation:
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's on (See p29 for Church Services)

Feb

Thu 5th	evening	NWR "Indian evening"	Tel 205453
Thu 5th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - Scope	School
Wed 11th	7.30pm	Open Meeting - Anti-social behaviour	Church
Mon 16th	evening	NWR "Carribean evening"	Tel 205453
Thu 19th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 19th	10.00am	Sunshine Pre-school Play Day	SPARC
Thu 26th	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	Village Hall
Fri 27th	6.15pm	Sunshine Disco (Pre-school to Y2)	Scout Hut
Fri 27th	7.30pm	Sunshine Disco (Y3 to Y6)	Scout Hut
Sat 28th	2.30pm	Pick 'n' Mix It	Church

March

Thu 4th	evening	NWR "One-word Topic"	Tel 205453
Thu 4th	8.00pm	8 o'clock club - S.O.F.A.	School
Sat 6th	evening	School PTA Pop Quiz	School
Sat 6th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Fri 12th	7.30pm	Conservatives AGM	Tel 205265
Wed 17th	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Tue 23rd	evening	Tots and Teds AGM	The Fox
Fri 26th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Sat 27th	2.30pm	"Is Anyone There?"	Church
Tue 30th		Adrenaline	Church

April

Sat 3rd	all day	Litter-busting day	Start at Farmhouse

June

Sat 19th	all day	School Fun Day	School Field
Sat 26th	all day	Village Fete	Village Green

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

Coffee Mornings on 18th October and 22nd November from 10am onwards please

come and join us for drinks cakes and bargains gallore.

Karen Austen

Residents' Association

All interested residents are welcome to attend any of the Residents' Association's meetings which are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month. These have been held in the school, but will be moving to the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon in the near future. We hope to be using the new facility for the February meeting. Please contact any of the committee members (as listed on page 2) to confirm the venue or for further information.

Our AGM was held at the school on Friday 30th January 2004. All officers and members of the committee we re-elected. *Martin Avery*

December solution

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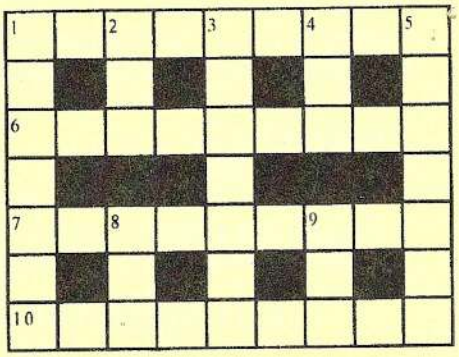
Crossword

Just for fun. Answers next issue.



Across

1. Rhymes with Spurs home
6. Lacking vigour
7. Capital of Pakistan
10. Abrade inclement weather

Down

1. Dogs sound like greens
2. Sound of annoyance
3. Dutch philosopher once at Queens
4. Well worn woman
5. Road surface
8. Man's name
9. Disapprove